GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports have registered a decline of about 12 percent from April to August, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the items in which decline has been registered; and

(d) the extent to which the foreign exchange has been saved and domestic producers benefited by this declining trend?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : No, Sir. As per the available data from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta imports during April-August, 2001-2002 are valued at US $ 21.74 billionregistering a growth of 2.46% over the corresponding period of last year.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : As per the data available from DGCI&S,the major sectors registering decline in the import during April-August, 2001-2002, are given below:-

(In US $ Million)

Major Sector	April-Aug. 2000-01 (1)	April-Aug. 2001-02 (2)	% Growth over (1)
Petroleum crude & products.	6902.87	6482.90	-6.08
Cereals & Preparations	11.49	8.23	-28.41
Fertilizers	347.09	298.50	-14.00
Pearls, Precious & Semi-Precious Stones	2307.31	1866.89	-19.09

(d) : Does not arise.